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SUBJECT: DERIAN TESTIMONY

REF: BUENOS AIRES 6332

1. IF QUESTIONED BY ARGENTINE OFFICIALS ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY DERIAN TESTIMONY, YOU SHOULD RESPOND ALONG THE
FOLLOWING LINES:

A) DERIAN'S STATEMENT AND TESTIMONY TO HOUSE INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LATIN AMERICA WAS ROUTINE AND
MADE AT SUBCOMMITTEE REQUEST ON THE OVERALL ISSUES OF ARMS
TRANSFER POLICIES IN THE REGION.

B) MS. DERIAN'S PREPARED TESTIMONY DID NOT IN FACT
MENTION ARGENTINA AT ALL.

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C) IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT ARGENTINA
FROM CHAIRMAN YATRON AND CONGRESSMAN BURKE, THE ONLY
TWO CONGRESSMEN PRESENT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN

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WAS REQUIRED TO DESCRIBE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. THE ANSWERS WERE NOT MEANT TO BE PROVOCATIVE IN ANY SENSE, BUT SIMPLY RESPONSIVE TO CONGRESSIONAL

QUESTIONS. YOU MIGHT REITERATE THAT THE WRITTEN TESTIMONY DID NOT MENTION ARGENTINA.

2. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO USE THE FOREGOING INFORMATION ON YOUR OWN AS THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF. VANCE

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